

CROWN Memorandum



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SUBJECT: CMS Provider Numbers in SIMS—ACTION

As we move toward total reliance on SIMS provider data, we must ensure that all CMS responsibilities can be discharged using that data. CMS has learned that in some cases the SIMS provnum field may contain numbers intended for survey purposes only – for example, “2300” numbers for Chronic Renal Disease Facilities (Hospital-Based).

We understand that there have been conflicting uses, conflicting needs, and even conflicting instructions in reference to the correct use and assignment of CMS provider numbers. However, in order to move beyond REBUS to CROWN we must make sure that SIMS provider data properly reflects CMS requirements.

Please review CMS provider numbers for your network. If there are any providers for which the third and fourth digits of the CMS provider number (provnum) are “23” or “24”, please use the SIMS bulk transfer feature to move those patients. Chronic Renal-Disease Facilities (Hospital-Based) should have the hospital CMS provider number (middle digits “00” or “01”) in the provnum field, and the “2300” number in the altprovnum field.

All CMS Provider Numbers in SIMS for Medicare-certified ESRD providers should meet the following definition. Remember that “2300” numbers are to be shown in the “altprovnum” field, with the parent hospital’s provider number in the “provnum” field.

Definition of Medicare Provider Number:

The assigned Medicare number for billing and/or identification purposes consists of six positions. The first two positions represent a State code. The third and fourth positions represent the type of provider of services. The fifth and sixth positions are sequentially assigned. The following descriptions are used for assigning numbers to renal providers.

LAST 4 DIGITS DESCRIPTION

0001-0899 Short-Term (General and Specialty) Hospitals

2000-2299 Long-Term Hospitals

2300-2499 Chronic Renal Disease Facilities (Hospital-Based)

(NOTE: Show 2300 number in altprovnum and parent hospital number in provnum)

2500-2899 Non-Hospital Renal Disease Treatment Centers

2900-2999 Independent Special Purpose Renal Dialysis Facilities

3300-3399 Children's Hospitals

3500-3699 Renal Disease Treatment Centers (Hospital Satellites)

3700-3799 Hospital-Based Special Purpose Renal Dialysis Facilities

If there are SIMS provnums for your network that don't comply with this definition, please determine the correct CMS Provider Number and use the bulk transfer facility to correct the problem. If you are unable to determine the correct CMS Provider Number, please contact the appropriate CMS Regional Office. If you are still unable to determine the correct provnum, please contact Steve Tulloss or Marcia Andreychuk (stulloss@cms.hhs.gov, 410-786-0573; mandreychuk@cms.hhs.gov, 410-786-0075).

Please complete these changes by March 31, 2003.

We appreciate the time the ESRD Networks will need to meet CMS standards in SIMS. Thanks for your help.